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(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how many convicted prisoners were involved in the hunger-strike?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The convicts resorted to hunger-strike because the Inspector-General of Prisons refused to transfer them to other jails, as requested by them.

" (c) Five."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether any of these persons who went on hunger-strike were charge-sheeted for attempting to commit suicide? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Community Project Scheme for Ponneri taluk, Chingleput district.

* 98 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the improvements effected in the Ponneri taluk of Chingleput district under the Community Project Scheme; the amount granted for the purpose; and the amount spent so far;

(b) if none, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the benefits, if any, given to Harijans by these Community Projects and Development Schemes in that taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The Community Project Scheme has not been launched in Ponneri taluk.

" (b) & (c) Do not arise."

Grievances of the Homœo-practitioners.

* 99 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 10th May 1954, signed by 130 Homœo-practitioners concerning their present conditions; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) No action on the memorandum was considered necessary."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" As the Government know that this is the cheapest form of medicine and lakhs of our people have no medical facilities, will they take steps to recognize and introduce the system at least in rural areas? "